

## UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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TO : Mr. Mullen *W.D. Gow*

DATE: 6/3/80

FROM : W. D. Gow *W.D. Gow*SUBJECT: *ABSCAM*

1 - Mr. Colwell  
 1 - Mr. Steel  
 1 - Mr. Mullen  
 1 - Mr. Monroe  
 1 - Mr. Gow  
 1 - Mr.    
 1 - Mr. Mintz

(Attn: Mr. Moschella)

**PURPOSE:** To obtain approval to provide Irvin B. Nathan, Deputy Assistant Attorney General (DAAG), Criminal Division, Department of Justice (DOJ), with this memorandum and attachments so that a determination can be made to disseminate to E. Barrett Prettyman, Jr., Special Counsel, Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, U.S. House of Representatives, that information requested in his (Prettyman's) correspondence dated 3/27/80, 5/13/80, and 5/21/80, attached.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That authority be granted to provide Irvin B. Nathan, DAAG, Criminal Division, DOJ, with name check information on U.S. Congressmen James J. Florio, Wyche Fowler, Jr., James J. Howard, William J. Hughes, John W. Jenrette, Jr., Richard Kelly, Raymond F. Lederer, James Mattox, John M. Murphy, John Murtha, Michael Ozzie Myers, Edward J. Patten, and Frank Thompson, Jr.; New Jersey State Senator Joseph A. Maressa; Mr. Laurence J. Buser, Mr. Gino Ciuzio, Mr. Howard L. Criden, Mr. Don Crowder, Mr. Angelo Errichetti, Mr. Joseph Grochowski, Mr. James P. Maher, Mr. Ken Parmelee, Mr. J. Corbett Peek, Mr. William Rosenberg, Mr. Joseph A. Silvestri, Mr. Jonathan Spear, Mr. John Stowe, Mr. Timothy F. Sullivan, Mr. Mel Weinberg, Mr. Stanley Weisz, Mr. Jerry West, and Mr. Dick Whittington for possible dissemination to E. Barrett Prettyman.

## APPROVED:

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W. D. Gow to Mr. Mullen Memorandum  
Re: Abscam

DETAILS: Beginning 3/27/80, E. Barrett Prettyman, Jr., by the attached letter, requested general background and identifying data; business and financial data; criminal background and derogatory data; information relating to contacts with any gambling operations or enterprises; information relating to contacts with foreign governments, their representatives, or other foreign nationals; and information relating to direct or indirect contacts with present or former members of Congress concerning each of the above listed individuals.

Relative to Crowder, Grochowski, Parmelee, Peek, Spear, Sullivan, West, and Whittington, there does not appear to be, subsequent to review of captioned matter, any further information concerned with each other than that listed in Prettyman's letter dated 3/21/80.

Relative to Florio, Fowler, Howard, and Hughes, there does not appear to be any additional information than that already provided to the DOJ for Prettyman.

Relative to Buser, Errichetti, Jenrette, Kelly, Lederer, Maressa, Murphy, Patten, and Thompson, information was found and is contained in the attachments subsequent to review of Bureau indices. It should be noted that the information contained in these attachments does not include that information in the Abscam investigation.

Relative to Ciuizio, Mattox, Rosenberg, Silvestri, and Weinberg, arrest records are attached.

Relative to Criden, Maher, Murtha, Myers, Stowe, and Weisz, only information contained within the Abscam investigation exists. It should also be noted that information concerning Buser, Ciuizio, Criden, Errichetti, Jenrette, Kelly, Lederer, Maressa, Murphy, Murtha, Rosenberg, Silvestri, Stowe, Thompson, and Weinberg also exists within the Abscam investigation in addition to that which will be provided to Nathan. Because the majority of this information, i.e., business and financial, criminal background, and foreign contacts, has been subject to ongoing grand jury investigations, it will not be reported to Prettyman through Nathan at this time.